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ABSTRACT:

A system and method for indexing words in documents, the system including a master index for storing the words and for storing associated index data. One of the documents is selected for updating and is edited. Next, a shadow index is created. Each word from the selected edited document is then indexed in the shadow index. A fresh index table is updated to indicate that the shadow index contains the most up-to-date data regarding the selected edited document. Query requests will be processed by searching all relevant indexes and comparing the retrieved results with the data in the fresh index table. Only the most up-to-date data will actually be returned as the query results. Periodically, shadow indexes and the master index can be merged into a new master index. Only the most up-to-date data, as determined by a comparison with the fresh index table, will be stored in the new master index.

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US PAT NO: 5,684,991 :IMAGE AVAILABLE:

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ABSTRACT:

In a microprocessor-based computer system, file backups are performed by monitoring modified areas of one or more files, through the write statements which give rise to the modifications. A meta-data database is constructed containing information relating to the locations of those modified areas. The backup database may then be modified by interrogating the meta-data database and thereby backing up only the data which has been modified in the database itself. Thus the size of the backup database may be reduced. The invention may be incorporated in a dedicated backup application and/or operating system or may interact with a conventional file-by-file backup application.

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- 5,495,600, Feb. 27, 1996, Conversion of queries to monotonically increasing incremental form to continuously query a append only database; Douglas B. Terry, et al., 707/3; 364/974, 974.6, DIG.2 : IMAGE AVAILABLE: :3-14 ab

5,680,621 :IMAGE AVAILABLE: US PAT NO:

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ABSTRACT:

A computer or computer program product having a computer-readable medium comprising at least one controller to enable a processor to perform incremental changes storage and retrieval. The at least one controller comprises an incremental storage adaptor for enabling the processor to store a change associated with a base file, rather than modifying the base file by the change and storing the result as a new file. An incremental retrieval adaptor is included for enabling the processor to merge the change with the base file thereby forming a logical new file. The incremental retrieval adaptor can perform the merging in response to a call from an application running on the processor or another processor, and the incremental retrieval adaptor then provides or otherwise makes the logical new file available to the application.

5,680,613 :IMAGE AVAILABLE: US PAT NO:

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ABSTRACT:

The processing operations of an actual desk work can be executed as they

are, and the efficiency of data processing work can be significantly improved by utilizing the pressing capability of a computer data processing system utilizing computer processing a means generating a versioned documents which is confined and comprehesive type of tables/lists for maintaining initial data in their original state as they are, a means for generating a ledger which is a table/list including information which vary and change with time, and a means for generating a document control register which is a kind of ledger for maintaining the identification of tables/lists for controlling. The above-mentioned document control register has a portion for identifying and controlling its own records and tables/lists which are the object of control and a portion for controlling their conditions for use and states so that all document data can be included, controlled, and maintained by this document control register. In particular, the versioned documents maintain temporary links between the objects of control.

L1: 5 of 14 5,671,398 :IMAGE AVAILABLE: US PAT NO:

ABSTRACT:

The method of the present invention is useful in a computer system having a user interface, a memory, a database and a repository operative in the computer system for accessing the database. The method is implemented by the computer system for collapsing a version tree that depicts a history of objects stored in the database. The method, which is stored in the memory at run-time, comprises the steps of validating collapse request by insuring that the target object is not a ghost object, the end object is not a ghost, the end object is on the same version tree as the target object, and the end object is a later version than the target object. An empty array representing path objects is initialized from the target object to the end object; and if an end object is supplied, a function is called to build up an array of objects representing paths from the target object to the end object. The array of objects built up in the preceding steps is processed. For each nextVersion of the target object, a function is called to collapse the versions starting from nextVersion; and, a function is also called to destruct the target object.

L1: 6 of 14 5,668,991 : IMAGE AVAILABLE: US PAT NO:

ABSTRACT:

A database system is described in which changes to a database file are recorded in a journal file. The journal file comprises a sequence of after-image records each having a database identifier indicating which database record it relates. Periodically, a dump is taken of the database. At regular intervals, between dumps the journal file is merged with any previously archived journal file to form a merged file, the records are sorted into order of their database identifiers and the merged file is filtered to remove all but the latest after-image record relating to each particular database record. The filtered journal file is archived. If the database file is corrupted, it can be recovered by applying the filtered journal file to a dump file. Because the journal file has been filtered, recovery is faster. The filtered journal can also be used for performing an off-line integrity check on the reconstructed database file.

L1: 7 of 14 5,638,509 :IMAGE AVAILABLE: US PAT NO:

ABSTRACT:

The data storage and protection apparatus maintains an index of all data file activity on a computer system and stores copies of data files in a manner to enable a user to recreate the state of the computer system at any selected point in time. A data file monitor intercepts all communication between application programs and the file system to obtain data file status and activity information. This information is used to identify data files which are transmitted to a data file backup media for storage along with directory information that identifies the stored files to enable the system to later locate and retrieve data files that were stored on the backup media.

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5,623,662 :IMAGE AVAILABLE:

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ABSTRACT:

A method and system for extracting revenue information from a point-of-sale (POS) terminal for purposes of revenue sharing including the step of periodically selecting and extracting predetermined portions of revenue transaction data in a proprietary database. This system allows extrapolation of select data relating to revenue traffic in a rental system. Revenue stored in a proprietary database (40) by a proprietary point-of-sale operating program is periodically selected, extracted and stored in a periodic database (42). This data is compared to a history database (38) comprising the periodic database as it existed prior to a given time. The data is output from the periodic database that is not present in the history database at the given time. This data can be transmitted to a remote location. The proprietary point-of-sale operating program can be used to create a history report database from the revenue transaction data and the portions of the revenue transaction data can be selected and extracted from the history report database.

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5,592,661 :IMAGE AVAILABLE:

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ABSTRACT:

A versioned-data management system is provided with a method for detecting independent changes to a part when an attempt is made to promote a variant of the part. For each variant of a part, there is maintained two identifiers and a flag. The first identifier is the identifier of the last change to that variant. The second identifier is the last-change identifier of the variant which was the source of the drawdown. When the variant is successfully promoted, and there was not previously a variant at the level to which it is promoted, its drawdown-from identifier value is not changed. When the variant is successfully promoted, and there was previously a variant at the level to which it is promoted, the drawdown-from identifier is set to the drawdown-from identifier value of the variant which was previously at the level to which the promote is made. When the promote of a variant fails, the drawdown-from identifier is set to the last-change identifier value of the variant which is first in the search path beginning at the level to which the promote is being made. The flag indicates whether the variant can be promoted by normal means, or must be promoted using promote.sub.-- force. The identifiers and flag are used to identify independent changes and control data integrity in the VDMS at promotion time.

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5,590,318 : IMAGE AVAILABLE:

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ABSTRACT:

A portion of a first storage stores identifying information of files to be processed by a computer. The files are stored in a second storage, with each file having associated identifying information which identifies the file, and each file including an update sequence value which indicates an order in which the file is to be processed by the computer. A threshold value is provided which is set equal to a largest update sequence value retrieved from the file that have been processed by the computer. In response to a loss of the file identifiers stored in the portion of the first storage, the file identifier for each file whose update sequence value is beyond the threshold value is stored in the portion of the first storage.

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5,581,755 : IMAGE AVAILABLE:

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ABSTRACT:

The method of the present invention is useful in a computer system having

a user interface, a memory, a repository and a database. The method is a repository program executed the computer system for maint; and a history of objects stored in the repository. The method compiles the steps of determining if the object is a new logical object, and if so constructing a new versioned object; and, if not retrieving from the repository an object on which a new state is to be based. If the new state is being derived from only one object, then reserving the object. If the state is being derived from two objects, then retrieving from the repository the other object on which the new state is based, and merging the two objects. If the state changes are to be retained, then replacing the object; and, if the state changes are not to be retained, then unreserving the object.

L1: 12 of 14 5,574,906 :IMAGE AVAILABLE: US PAT NO:

ABSTRACT:

In a client/server environment, a method and means for reducing the storage requirement in the backup subsystem and further reducing the load on the transmission bandwidth where base files are maintained on the server in a segmented compressed format. When a file is modified on the client, the file is transmitted to the server and compared with the segmented compressed base version of the file utilizing a differencing function but without decompressing the entire base file. A delta file which is the difference between the compressed base file and the modified version of the file is created and stored on a storage medium which is part of the backup subsystem. Alternatively, a copy of frequently accessed base files are maintained on the client in a compressed format. Whenever the client detects that a frequently accessed file has been modified, the modified version of the file is differenced against the base version of that file without decompressing the entire base file and a delta file is generated. The delta file is then transmitted to the server to be stored at the server for storage medium to be utilized either immediately or at a later time to update the base version of the modified file on the server.

L1: 13 of 14 5,559,991 :IMAGE AVAILABLE: US PAT NO:

ABSTRACT:

A facility is provided for storing in a backup memory only those blocks of a file, or disk partition, which differ from corresponding blocks forming an earlier version of the file. Specifically, a file is divided into a number of blocks and a "signature" is generated for each such block. A block is then stored in the backup memory only if its associated signature differs from a signature generated for an earlier version of the block. In addition, if two blocks of the current version of the file have identical signatures and are to be stored in the backup memory, then only one of the two blocks is stored in the memory and a simple message indicating that the other block is equal to the one block is stored in the memory for the other block. Further, the application of such signatures is advantageously applied to the opposite case of restoring a file using copies of previous versions of the file that are stored in the backup memory.

L1: 14 of 14 5,495,600 :IMAGE AVAILABLE: US PAT NO:

ABSTRACT:

To produce a continuous query for an append-only database, a client defined query first is converted into its minimal bounding non-decreasing monotone (hereinafter referred to as "monotonic increasing" query. This monotonic query, in turn, is converted into an incremental query, The resulting monotonically increasing incremental query then is installed on the database as a stored procedure that takes two date/time parameters (hereinafter referred to as "time" parameters), one of which (.tau.) identifies the last time the procedure was executed, and the other of which (t) identifies the current time. All database records are

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incremental queries over database records that have timestamps spanning
successive time slots.
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           3189 VERSION?/AB
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relevant documents from a text database collection, using statistical
ranking, relevancy feedback and small pieces of text; James R. Driscoll,
707/5; 364/225.4, 274.8, 282.1, DIG.1 :IMAGE AVAILABLE:
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ABSTRACT:

An object based data processing system including an extensible set of object types and a corresponding set of "object managers" wherein each object manager is a program for operating with the data stored in a corresponding type of object. The object managers in general support at least a standard set of operations. Any program can effect performance of these standard operations on objects of any type by making an "invocation" request. In response to an invocation request, object management services (which are available to all object managers) identifies and invokes an object manager that is suitable for performing the requested operation on the specified type of data. A mechanism is provided for linking data from one object into another object. A object catalog includes both information about objects and about links between objects. Data interchange services are provided for communicating data between objects of **different** types, using a set of standard data interchange formats. A **matchmaker** facility permits two processes that are to cooperate in a data interchange operation identify each other and to identify data formats they have in common. A facility is provided for managing shared data "resources", Customized **versions** of resources can be created and co-exist with standard resources. A resource **retrieval** function determines whether a customized or a standard resource is to be returned in response to each request for a resource.

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US PAT NO: 5,421,015 :IMAGE AVAILABLE: L6: 9 of 25

ABSTRACT:

An object based data processing system including an extensible set of object types and a corresponding set of "object managers" wherein each object manager is a program for operating with the data stored in a corresponding type of object. The object managers in general support at least a standard set of operations. Any program can effect performance of these standard operations on objects of any type by making an "invocation" request. In response to an invocation request, object management services (which are available to all object managers) identifies and invokes an object manager that is suitable for performing the requested operation on the specified type of data. A mechanism is provided for linking data from one object into another object. A object catalog includes both information about objects and about links between objects. Data interchange services are provided for communicating data between objects of **different** types, using a set of standard data interchange formats. A **matchmaker** facility permits two processes that are to cooperate in a data interchange operation identify each other and to identify data formats they have in common. A facility is provided, for managing shared data "resources". Customized **versions** of resources can be created and co-exist with standard resources. A resource **retrieval** function determines whether a customized or a standard resource is to be returned in response to each request for a resource. :11

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ABSTRACT:

An object based data processing system including an extensible set of object types and a corresponding set of "object managers" wherein each object manager is a program for operating with the data stored in a corresponding type of object. The object managers in general support at least a standard set of operations. Any program can effect performance of these standard operations on objects of any type by making an "invocation" request. In response to an invocation request, object

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resource is to be returned in response to each request for a resource.
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ABSTRACT:

A method and apparatus for providing an historical perspective into a **database** of information objects through an efficient method and apparatus for **versioning** information objects stored in a **database** as well as an index representative of the information objects is disclosed. The latest **versions** of each one of the information objects and each one of the entries in the index are maintained in the **database**. Partial earlier **versions** of each one of the information objects and each one of the index entries are stored with the latest **versions**. The partial **versions** contain only sufficient information about the **differences** between the earlier **versions** and the later ones so that any earlier **version** may be reconstructed. Identification tags are employed as unique identifiers for each one of the plurality of information objects and for **different** **versions** of the information objects. Through the exploitation of the relative time ordering of generated identification tags, an efficient index representation and method for performing historical queries is provided.

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